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In Manila, tonight, Vice President Carlos Garcia - sworn in as President of the Philippine Republic. Succeeding Ramon Magsaysay - killed, when the transport plane in which he was traveling crashed into a mountain on Cebu Island.

Few people in this country will know anything about the new President of the Philippines. In fact, when he was elected on the Magsaysay ticket, few Filipinos had ever heard of him. Yet sixty year old Carlos Garcia has had a distinguished political career, serving for many years in high position. But he's a retiring, self-effacing scholar - far different from his dramatic, spectacular predecessor, the fiery Ramon Magsaysay. The new President like Magsaysay - strongly pro-American and pro-western.

The Philippine islands are in mourning. Flags at half mast - places of entertainment closed. Radio stations playing - only subdued music. Today, ten ~~thous~~ thousand people stood bare-headed in the ~~at~~ blazing sun - when an American helicopter brought Magsaysay's body to a ~~military~~ ^{mortuary} chapel in

Cebu City. Hundreds crowded into the chapel, and fell on their knees.

Of twenty-seven persons in the ill-fated airplane

the only one *who* survived *was the* Philippine newspaperman *who was* thrown clear

in the crash. And this only survivor says - there was a

flash, an explosion, before the plane struck the mountain. *all*

of which leads - to suspicions of sabotage. President Magsaysay

a bitter anti-Communist. And the Reds might well want to have

him out of the way. On the other hand, Philippine authorities

are saying
~~insists declare~~ it might well have been an accident.

So far as I can recall, this is the 'rst case

of a head of government - killed in an air accident.

DISARMAMENT

Soviet Russia comes up with a new armament proposal. Suggesting a "de-atomized" area, on both sides of the Iron Curtain. That is - put a ban on atomic weapons in both Eastern and Western Germany.

Which proposal was made - in a disarmament session in London.

MIDDLE EAST

The United States gave assurances, today - to Israel. Promising - to use American influence to keep down trouble in the Gaza Strip, and promote free passage for Israeli vessels through ~~the~~ the Gulf of Aqaba. Also - through the Suez Canal.

So stated in a joint declaration by the Foreign Minister of Israel, Mrs. Golde Meir - and our own Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. ~~They had a conference in~~ Washington, in which Mrs. Meir expressed the concern that Israel feels over developments following the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Egyptian territory. Indications - for example - that Egypt may move troops into the Gaza Strip.

ADD MIDDLE EAST

The Cairo radio, tonight, announced - that the U N forces will evacuate all the buildings they now occupy at Gaza. Discussions going on - to establish headquarters of the international soldiers in El Auja, the de-militarized zone along the border of the Strip.

Strangely, the Cairo radio also speaks of Bethlehem, as a place for stationing U N troops. Bethlehem, the place of the Nativity. Across Israel - and in Jordan,

ISRAEL SHIP

Today, the Queen of Sheba ~~was~~ went sailing down through narrow waters - of ancient legend. Which may sound romantic - but it was far more significant than any pageant of exotic royalty.

~~But~~ The Queen of Sheba - a prosy freighter - flying the flag of Israel. The narrow water^s - the Gulf of Aqaba. A focus - of international dispute. Israel - asserting the right of navigating through the waterway, by means of a practical demonstration - sending a ship through.

There were no fireworks - no incident of any sort.

The critical point - the narrow straight of Tiran, at the entrance to the Gulf, ^{Where} ~~there~~ there are two small islands - commanding the passage. Islands, belonging to Saudi Arabia - but ~~not~~ given to Egypt, on loan.

Previously, Egyptian cannon on those two islands - had kept Israeli ships from passing through the Gulf of Aqaba. Navigating to or from ~~the~~ Israel's port of Eilat - King Solomon's ancient seaport -

at the head of the Gulf. Today, no ~~the~~ cannon ^{at the Mouth of the Gulf} - only the wreckage of Egyptian gun emplacements. Blown up by the Israelis, when they seized positions along the Gulf of ^uAqaba.

~~Anyway,~~ ^{now} The two islands ~~were~~ occupied by soldiers of the U N police force.

So the Queen of Sheba steamed ~~to~~ without hindrance, out into the Red Sea - bound for the Port of Masawa, on the African Coast.

Israel announces that still another vessel, with a South African cargo, is on its way to make the passage of the Gulf of ^uAqaba. Still other ships - to follow.

^uThe claim is - that the Strait of Tiran is an international waterway. But Egypt and Saudi Arabia insist - it's in ~~their~~ their territorial waters. Today, at Cairo, the Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia declared - that his country will use every means possible to prevent Israel from using the Gulf of Aqaba.

Anyhow, The Queen of Sheba had an easy time today -
but it remains to be seen what the future holds.

ATOMIC

In London, a hint - that the British may stage a hydrogen bomb explosion, which cannot be detected. Immune from detection - by Soviet Russia. That's the inference - drawn from a remark in the House of Commons, today.

The Socialist opposition demanded - how many hydrogen bombs will be detonated in the forthcoming tests - on Christmas Island, in the Far Pacific.

Minister of Supply Aubrey Jones refused to state the exact number. Rumors say - five.

Whereupon, Socialist M P Philip Noel-Baker argued - that with detection equipment, any great power can spot atomic explosions whenever they occur. So why a refusal - to state the number now?

To which the supply minister answered - that, to state the number ~~might~~ would reveal to the Russians the development of new techniques.

Which is taken to signify - new techniques to prevent the detection of hydrogen explosions.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower, today, saw something he'd never seen before. And the echo might respond - it was time he did.

The President - on his leisurely voyage to Bermuda, Aboard the Navy Cruiser Canberra ^{which is} - an ultra-modern craft, given over to guided missiles.

So naturally, there was guided missile practice.

And that's what President Eisenhower, today, saw for the first time. The firing - of a guided missile.

The target - a World War Two fighter plane, piloted by ~~rank~~ remote control. Two missiles - each twenty-seven feet long. The first one - scoring a miss. But the second went speeding - straight at the target, exploding - alongside the fighter plane. Which took a violent lurch - then plunging into the sea.

RACKETS

The Senate rackets investigating committee will get ^{the} income tax returns of Dave Beck, President of the Teamsters Union. President Eisenhower - giving that order today. The committee ~~has~~ granted broad power to inspect the government records concerning Beck and other union officials.

On a CBS television program Sunday, Beck stated - that he had borrowed two to three hundred thousand dollars of union funds, without paying interest. And - without reporting the loan to the membership of the union. He said he put up collateral - and has repaid every cent. Today, committee investigator Robert Kennedy told reporters - the borrowing transaction was "far more complicated" than Beck indicated. "Broader" than loans *was the way he put it.*

~~Today, in Washington, a federal court indicted four officials of the Teamsters Union ~~for~~ refusing to testify at a previous hearing. Claiming - the committee, before which they appeared, had no authority to ~~in~~ question them, so now they ~~are~~ indicted - for contempt of Congress.~~

EXPLOSION

An explosion, tonight, in the giant plant of the Ford Motor Company - the River Rouge plant, in ~~Dearborn~~ Dearborn. At least eighteen persons -injured. Followed by fire. Which, however, was extinguished quickly.

The explosion occurred in what they call "the sump" tank. Which catches paint - sprayed on auto frames as they move along the production line.

CHESSMAN

A new mystery - in the remarkable case of the convict author - Caryl Chessman. Under sentence of death in the California State Prison & ever since Nineteen Forty-Eight. His case appealed a number of times - and still under appeal. During which period of nine years - he has established a reputation as an author. Having written two books - which were published. Now, a third - in the hands of a publisher.

The mystery - how did the convict smuggle the manuscript out of San Quentin prison? The prison authorities - knowing nothing about it. Yet the manuscript of a full size book is a bulky object. This one ^{some} five hundred pages. ~~in fact.~~

An investigation has been going on, and Attorney General Clarence Linn says - he questioned Chessman's literary agent in New York, Joseph Longstretch. Who ~~is~~ states - he received the manuscript in the mail. ^{Whereupon he} ~~adding that he~~ sent it along to the publisher.

The next one to be questioned - Chessman's lawyer, George Davis, who is one of the few people - allowed ~~xxxx~~ in to visit the convict author. Davis declares - he welcomes an inquiry. Adding: "That book, now is mine." Explaining- that Chessman has assigned all rights and profits to the lawyer. As payment for legal services. In the convict's own fight for life, one appeal to the courts, after another.

NEW YORK

The New York State legislature has a committee - studying the question of winter sports. Why does ~~that~~ the State lag so badly in ski resorts? Today, the committee answers - by pointing at a provision in the Constitution of New York. Which decrees - that the forests of the Catskills and Adirondacks shall be kept "forever wild". Which was intended to keep commercial developments out of those areas of wilderness.

As a remedy, the committee proposes - legislation ~~an~~ which would open the Catskills and Adirondacks to winter sports. Under - strict regulation. With a plan - for a two-and-a-half-million dollar development of a Whiteface Mountain ski center. .

The committee points out, in mournful tones, that New York State has a revenue from winter tourists - estimated at ~~Seven~~ million, five hundred thousand dollars. While, in neighboring New England States, the revenue comes to - one

hundred million. Yet the snowfall in New York is greater than in the winter sports areas of New England.

Yes, the snow is okay. The trouble being-
the State Constitution.

Also many skiers think New York has fallen behind the procession mainly because it has failed to open up its real snow area—a region in the heart of the higher Adirondacks which might provide a winter sports bowl that would rival the major ski resorts in Colorado, Utah, Idaho, and California.

SHOOTING

At Sellersburg, Indiana, a man shot and killed by a Methodist ~~man~~ minister. But, if there ever was justifiable homicide - this was it.

The Reverend Robert Gingery is pastor of the Trinity Methodist church. And one of his parishioners was - police Sergeant Marvin Walts. The clergyman and the policeman - close friends.

Today, they were driving together in the Sergeant's car - when the radio gave an alarm. A bank robbery - a bandit holding up the Sellersburg State Bank and getting away with sixteen hundred ~~man~~ dollars.

Then, a mere few minutes later, the policeman spotted a suspicious automobile - and stopped it. Sergeant Walts getting out, and walking over to question the driver. Leaving the clergyman in the police car.

As it happened, the policeman had stopped the fleeing bandit - in his getaway from the bank robbery.

And, as he approached the automobile - the bandit shot him dead. ~~Jim~~ Jumping out, and grabbing his gun. Then - walking to the police car, where the clergyman sat.

The Reverend Robert Gingery had the policeman's shotgun - and he fired one blast. The end - of the bandit.

Self ~~for~~ defense - and a proper vengeance for the murder of his parishioner and friend.

HARLOW CURTICE

In Detroit - a ceremony hailing one of the familiar features of our time. The want ad - help wanted, job wanted. This is "national want ad week" - and in Detroit, a plaque was presented to Harlow Curtice, President of General Motors. Inscribed on the plaque - a want ad published in the Flint Michigan Daily Journal, ~~Forty~~-thirty-three years ago. Which the President of General Motors will never forget.

2 ✓ In April, Nineteen Fourteen, Harlow Curtice was a young ~~man~~ man - in need of a job. So, at Flint, he looked through the want-ads of the Daily Journal, and spied - something rather cryptic. Help wanted - but, no mention of the ~~man~~ kind of job. Merely called- a "fine opportunity."

He applied for the job - and got it. The "fine opportunity" turning out to be - a position as bookkeeper at the A C Spark Plug Company.

Well, that was in the early days of automobiling. The company - flourishing. The young bookkeeper - rising with it.

Later, the A C Spark Plug Company became a Division of General Motors - and Harlow Curtice was on his way to the top. Now ^{Henry} - as we all know - ~~President~~ of General Motors. Thanks - to that want-ad.

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Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

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L.T.

In recall A remarkably futile prediction - in the news a year ago today! Governor Orville Freeman of Minnesota - making the forecast that Adlai Stevenson would win a sweeping victory in the Minnesota primary. Which was all wrong - because two days later Kefauver scored an upset victory. But then, later, in the Democratic National Convention - Stevenson won, and Kefauver lost. After which, in ^{the} ~~the~~ election - Stevenson lost in ^{that} ~~the~~ Eisenhower landslide. Well, in any Presidential year, the political prognostications can go haywire.

So, solong until tomorrow.